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FOR AMB BUFFUM FROM AMB FERGUSON AND DR. MOREY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SOCI, UN

SUBJ: WORKING GROUP SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION
DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION MINORITIES

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2324

1. WE ARE REPEATING TO WASHINGTON GENEVA 4400 RE ABOVE SUBJECT.

2. BOTH FERGUSON AND MOREY STRONGLY OF OPINION
AMB CARTER SHOULD TAKE ON WORKING GROUP RESPONSIBILITY.
POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A POSITION IS SIGNIFICANT
AND SUBSTANTIAL BREAKTHROUGH. PREVIOUSLY DURING
COLD WAR, BOTH SOVS AND US NOT PERMITTED TO SERVE
ON WORKING GROUP AND BUREAU OF SUB-COMMISSION. THIS
OBVIOUSLY LEFT US AT DISADVANTAGE BECAUSE EE'S IN
SUCH POSITIONS ALWAYS REFLECTED SOV POSITION; BUT
WEO'S IN SUCH GROUPS DID NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT
US POSITION, AND FOR A PERIOD DURING DE GAULLE
ERA, WEO REP MORE ANTI USG THAN EE'S. IN ADDITION
TO SERVING US POSITION IN BODY OF FIRST AND ORIGINAL
JURISDICTION, US MEMBERSHIP ON WORKING GROUP WOULD
ALSO SIGNAL INTERESTED OBSERVERS ON HILL AND ELSEWHERE
THAT HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS BEING GIVEN HIGHER PRIORITY
BY DEPARTMENT.

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3. ALTHOUGH POSITION ON WORKING GROUP IS EXPERT AND
UN-INSTRUCTED, WE NONETHELESS WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
CONCURRENCE ASAP.DALE

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